July 5, 1947 Los Angeles Examiner

~~MORE DISKS~~ MARINE SEES 12 OVER PORTLAND

Frank Cooley, a former Marine Corps observer, now with radio station KOIN in Portland, confirmed numerous reports of witnesses in the Portland area Friday afternoon

Cooley estimated the disks were flying at 20,000 feet. He saw twelve of them and flatly declared them to be operated and maneuverable.

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July 7, 1947 -- Medford Oregon

David W Chase, Phoenix, Ore; radar technician saw an object five miles south of here. It passed to the east, going 6-7000 mph at approximately 10,000 feet. Was in view from 60 to 70 seconds before disappearing over the horizon. The total view of the course was about 150 degrees. The saucer flew on edge at right angles to the plane of the earth, gave off a bright blue-white light.

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July 7, 1947 Louisville Times, Louisville, Ky.

Photographer All Hixenbaugh took photo at 10:15. There were three objects in the sky, but he had time to snap only two. He had no comment as to what they might be. They made no sound. They look like either two very bright vapor trails or two saucers seen flat edge on against dark sky.

A 131

July 8, 1947 Zabool, Iran

Strange Starlike bodies were seen at this point and also at Shosef and Sarbisheh near the Afghan frontier. After cavorting about the sky, the objects exploded loudly, leaving a cloud of smoke.

January 7, 1948

An Oklahoma City man reported spotting a saucer "seeming to be the bulk of six B-29's." The observer , who holds a private pilot's license spotted the objects from the ground. It was perfectly round and flat, with no protrusions and made no sound. He reported the speed as "probably three times that of a jet."

A 132

November 5, 1947 Persian Gulf

Richard Carruthers, Jr. aboard the tanker, Chipola, saw eight round objects flying in a group, pass within a half mile of the ship make a climbing turn in echelon formation and pass out of sight. Four persons saw the lights, but opinions varied as to whether they were white or blue.

A 170

September 14, 1947 the Toronto Globe

Photo of supposed flying saucer given front page on Globe taken by Raymond Johnson of Toronto, Canada. Disk was yellow with a tail -- time of passage was fifteen seconds. Reproduction is very poor. Photo shows a ship in forground with saucer resembling a faint comet in background.

A 131

October 25, 1947 Hymers, Canada

More than 50 townspeople saw a strange object swoop into sight from the south, remain stationary for fiteen minutes, then flash back in the direction from which it had come. Frank Sutch described it as a long streak of fire. Heat waves were coming from it, and something that looked like electric light waves.

Fred M Johnson, Portland prospector told authorities he noticed a strange reflection in the sky and saw five or six discs about 30 feet in diameter. Johnson watched them through a telescope for approximately 30 seconds as they banked in the sun. He described them as being round with tails and making no noise.

A 138

September 13, 1947 -- Bellingham Wash.,

E L Lynn 1040 Knox Ave., saw a large black object the size of the moon. It was very black, then it became a light yellow, then a pale pink. Finally it began to shine like a very bright tin pan. It was about 20 miles distand and two miles high, was in view for five or six seconds and traveled about five times as fast as an ordinary airplane.

August 13, 1947 Boise Idaho

Photo taken by Charles Shangle. He was watching the sky when he saw a luminous object raveling slowly through the air at great height. It is visible in upper left hand corner of photo as a faint grey dot surrounded by a slight halo effect. Reproduction in Arnold book is very poor, showing nothing but a truck in the foreground.

A F Intelligence Report -2-

August, 1947 - Fort Richardson, Alaska -- Two officers told of seeing a spherical object about 10 feet in diameter flying flying through the air at tremendous speed leaving no vapor.

A 137

August 6, 1947 Robert Lee, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid, Owen Fletcher, Dock Nennington and Bob Patterson saw an object in the sky at about 10 p.m. in the shape of a luminous disk. It was larger and faster than a plane. It maneuvered in the sky for twenty minutes then vanished in the direction of San Angelo. Fifteen minutes later it returned this time in the shape of a long log. The sky was clear, with no clouds. The narest searchlight was 100 miles away. It continued its capers for more than a half and hour, finally it took on the shape of a long cigar with a thin smoky trail and vanished in the distance.

A 137

August 8, 1947 -- Upton Wyoming

Mrs. Jay Engle saw a flying disk at sundown. She saw a flash darting across the sky, then another flash. It disappeared for a few seconds , then reappeared farther away. It was traveling at a great rate of speed. It wasn't bright, appearing to be an orange colored glow.

July, 1947 (according to Kenneth Arnold in C of the S)

Tacoma, Washington

Harold A. Dahl and Fred L. Crisman claimed they had not only seen a group of flying saucers but that they had in their possession some fragments that came from one of them.

August 1947 Burbank California

Mr. Tom Collins of Port Chester, N Y, saw flying saucers over Burbank, California where he was visiting his wife who was un the hospital having her third child. He told his wife, but never reported seeing them because the press was making saucer-sighters look ridiculous. (reports Mrs. Collins)

July 10, 1947 Morristown, N J

John H Janssen, driving to Morristown airport at 10 a.m., saw four objects in the sky and got out of his car to photograph them. They seemed to be about 10,000 feet in the air, flying rapidly in formation toward New York City. Three of the saucers wee were silvery white and the fourth was a dull, metallic color. As they disappeared they put on a burst of speed far in excess of any jet plan Janssen had ever seen. Censorship the next day kept the photo out of other dailies. It is a fairly good print

July 9, 1947 The Arizona Republic Phoenix, Arizona

The first clearly recorded photographs of what is believed to be a mysterious flying disc was taken today by an amateur Phoenix photographer, William Rhodes as it circled north of the city. ~~William Rodes~~ Rhodes shot the picture as the slow-flying object was approaching him. As it banked to make a tight turn, he obtained this picture, sh owing clearly the shape of the object. Rhodes said the disc then shot away at high speed

July 9, 1947 Boise, Idaho

Dave Johnson, aviation editor of the Idaho Statesman flying at 14,000 feet, west of Boise saw a circular object bank in front of a cloud bank for 45 second. It rose sharply and jerkily toward the top a towering bank of clouds, then turned its edge toward him appearing as a straight black line, then shot straight up. Moved very fast, was very large. Three Idaho National Guardsman had seen a similar object in the same area performing as he had seen it perform.

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July 10, 1947

Rhodes Wins No Scholarship, Just Censorship.

William A. Rhodes, 4333 N. 14th St., Phoenix, Arizona, took photographs of an object at 1000 feet which caused censorship on above date, halting its publication in the nation's dailies.

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January 7, 1948 -- Lockbourned Air Force Base, Columbus, O.

Sky phenomena observed by several watchers and described as "round or oval, larger than a C-47, and traveling in level flight faster than 500 mph." The object was observed for more than 20 minutes. Observers said it glowed from white to amber leaving an amber exhaust trail five times its own length. Soundless

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February 20, 1948 - Boise Idaho -- The Emmet Messenger

Mr E G Hall made a theodolite observation of a flying saucer, estimating its size as that of a small plane. Alone its back-edge was no trail of fume., but there was a fuzziness there. The craft was silent, even when coming closer than 2000 feet to the ground. This was first known, gauged, theodolite-measured reported viewing.

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April 7, 1950: Denver Post

ANOTHER DISK GUESS

"It isn't hard at all to explain the flying 'saucer'," writes Cornelius Donovan, of New York City. "It is a 'secret' project of an earth government, namely, the United States of America............. Quite understandably, government officials deny having anything to do with the 'flying saucer' method of taking the American taxpayer for a ride through the stratosphere! Could they be just a bit ashamed, by any chance?"

April 9, 1950: Denver Post

VIEWER BREAKS SILENCE TO TELL OF L.A. SAUCER

Denver, April 9, -- Denver Post Special -- One Denver flying-saucer-viewer broke a ten month silence Saturday to describe what he says must surely have been a flying saucer he viewed one afternoon last July in Los Angeles. Mr. J.S. Stankavage, a retired painter, said he kept quiet because "my wife and I were afraid if I said anything about it people would accuse me of 'seeing' things." Stankavage said the heart-shaped object he saw appeared to have two portholes along the side. It did not spin, but moved with the poin t of the heart headed forward.

April 10, 1950: The Salina Sun

SALINAN SPOTS FLYING SAUCER

Lindsborg, April 10, -- P.E. Patchin of Lindsborg, said he saw a grey-white, clam-shaped object streaking across the sky near Lindsborg at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. The object was visible to him for about five and one-third miles. It made no noise, and according to Patchin's mathematical calculations, it was heading southwest at about 650 miles per hour and at an altitude of two miles.

April 4, 1950: Los Angeles Herald and Express?

DISAVOW FLYING SAUCERS

Washington, April 4, (UP). President Truman, the Navy, the Air Force, and Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson all agreed today that if there really are any flying saucers it's news to them. Johnson commented to reporters with a grin that he'd like to have a few saucer squadrons to beef up the air force. And from his Key West hideaway, the President's press secretary commented that the president knows nothing of any flying saucers being developed either in this or any other country.

April 5, 1950: Los Angeles Daily News?

SOLONS DIFFER ON FLYING SAUCERS

Washington, April 5, (UP). Two representatives both on the House Military Appropriations subcommittee had conflicting views concerning flying saucers. Rep. George H. Mahon, D., Tex., chairman of the committee flatly says it isn't so. His colleague, Rep. Albert J. Engel R., Mich., is the man who says he saw one. He and several other sober citizens of the Michigan town of Elsie saw the disk around 1 p.m. one day last summer. Two of the townspeople chased the disk but it got away. Rep. Mahon explained his partner's disk observations this way. "During the developmental stages of the eye, embryonic remnants of cell debris or coagulative protein material remained in the vitreous body, which is the transparent jelly-like filling of the eye directly in front of the light-sensitive retina." And when the eye focused on these spots they appeared to Rep. Engel as flying disks.

April 5, 1950: New York Journal American

DO SAUCERS FLY? Leaders Say Yes and No

Washington, April 5, (UP). -- Two representatives on the House Military Appropr iations subcommittee were sharply divided on the problem of flying saucers. Rep Mahon D., Tex., put it this way: "I am quite sure the military establishement would have told us if they were working on such a thing as a saucer. But the fact is they haven't said a work about it." As far as Mahon is concerned the saucer is "just a fantasy of the imagination." Engel R., Mich., said maybe so maybe not. "I am confident of this Engel said, "If there are any such things as saucers, they are ours, not somebody else's. If another country were sending them over, I am sure the subcommittee would have heard about it." Engel said all those millions in the budget for research and other fairly general items are elastic enough to cover all kinds of things. Even some new kind of aircraft--like flying saucers. L. Nobel Robinson, managing editor of the US News and World Report said his magazine had expected official denials of its story that the saucers are a"revolutionary type of new aircraft," probably built by the Navy.

April 5, 1950: New York Journal American

Washington April 5, (UP) :--

NOT ENEMY ACTIVITY SAYS DEFENSE DEPT.

Here is Text of Defense Dept statement on flying saucers: "There is no intention of reopening Project Saucer, an Air Force special project officially closed three months ago.

April 5, 1950: New York Journal American

Washington April 5, (UP) -- Cont'd

NOT ENEMY ACTIVITY SAYS DEFENSE DEPT.

(cont'd) However the Air Force has and will continue"to receive and evaluate through normal field intelligence channels any substantial reports of any unusual aerial phenomena.

April 14, 1950: Los Angeles Daily News

FLYING DISC DESIGNED 23 YEARS AGO

Monterey Calif., Apr. 14: (UP)-- Alexander G. Weygers, a mechanical engineer and architect, designed a "discopter" 23 years ago. The patented designs for this gas or jet powered craft were rejected by Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. in April 1945 as being"too advanced."

April 20, 1950: Denver Post

AIR FORCE ORDERS 'SAUCER' WATCH IN TEXAS SKIES

Fort Worth, Tex., April 20, 1950, (AP) -- The 8th Air Force still doesn't believe in flying saucers but its pilots will keep an eye out for "any unusual aerial phenomena" said a recent memorandum issued by 8th Air Force Headquarters.

April 20, 1950: Chicago News

'FLYING SAUCER' JUST RESEARCH APPARATUS

Douglas Wyo., April 20, (AP) -- An aluminum globe labeled U.S.N. landed on the Earl Lowery ranch thirty miles north of here and immediately spread reports that a "flying saucer" had been found here. But the three foot globe bore a plate which read: "This is the joint property of the US Navy and the University of Minnesota. Finder please notify physics dept. Please phone collect and reward will be offered."

April 13, 1950: Los Angeles Daily News

SUPERSONIC PLANES SEEN LONG WAY OFF

Washington, April 13, - (UP) -- Carl C. Sorgen, technical assistant in the experimental engines branch of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, said that all military planes except interceptor fighters and guided missiles will fly at speeds below the sonic barrier "for may years to come," in a speech he gave before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He said that the tremendous expense is what will be prohibitive in building planes powered to fly at supersonic speeds consistently. But whether supersonic or subsonic, Sorgen said,t all but "slow freight" airplanes in military service will be powered by gas turbine engines.

April 27, 1950: Denver Post

SEVEN REPORT SEEING 'DISKS' AT RANGELY

Rangely, Colo., April 27, Denver Post Special -- Seven persons including the Continental Oil Co. Superintendant A.W. Jay and his wife and daughter, said that they simultaneously saw a glowing object flash across the sky Thursday night in this northwestern Colorado oil town. Also Ronnie Grisdale and Carley Cook, oil field workers, reported a "strange glow which seemed to hang in the sky."

April 29, 1950: The Chicago Times

AIRLINER FLIRTS WITH A 'DISK' ; 'TWAS RED, ROUND AND GLOWING

South Bend, April 29, -- (Chicago Times Special) -- Capt. Robert Adickes, a veteral TWA pilot, and several passengers said they saw a mysterious "round, glowing mass" in the air

April 29, AIRLINER FLIRTS WITH A 'DISK' ; (cont'd)

as they flew over South Bend, Ind., Thursday night. "I used to laugh at all those flying saucer reports, but it's no laughing matter now," Adickes said. "I saw one." Adickes story was confirmed by First Officer Robert Manning and several of the 19 passengers aboard the Washington-to-Chicago flight. "It appeared to be controlled by repulse radar," Adickes said. "As I'd turn toward it, it would veer away keeping the same distance."

Los Angeles Exàminer May 7, I950

FLYING SAUCERS NOW IN ITALY

Hundreds of persons on their way to work stopped to watch two flashing objects high over Romes central piazza Colonna.

The two obects seemed to be a mile or more hìgh and moved slowly. They appeared to be revolving on an axis and flashing at regular intervals, like the smaller air beacons.

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May 11, 1950

Paul Trent, Route 3, McMinnville, Oregon captured two photos of flying saucers in the back yard of his farm. The two pictures were taken about 30 seconds apart.

Feb 21, 1948 West Palm Beach, Fla

Charles Francis Coe, editor of the Palm Beach Times saw a ray or blob of light sweeping in from the southeast over West Palm Beach at 2 a.m. It curved over the Atlantic and headed northeast in a wide arc as though following the curve of the earth.

May 17, 1948

Fred Granger, aircraft communicator stationed at the Seattle-Tacoma airfield spotted what appeared to be four stars or lights with red and green flashes, approximately 25 degrees above the horizon

Summer, 1948

Billy Rose, Newspaper Columnist, visiting Paul Osbourne playwright at Newtown, Conn with Joshua Logan and wife, and Mr and Mrs John Hersey, noticed three searchlights poking into the air around 10 p.m. A few minutes later three objects appeared about 200 feet in diameter and flying at an altitude of 3,000 to 5,000 feet. Their edges gave off a ghostly glow, dull bluish-white.

July 26, 1948   Valley City. N.D.

Rev. L. S. Eberly and wife noticed a bright light which turned out to be a spheroid, dark in the center and radiating light rays near the outer rings. It was observed for an hour. On the following morning a similar object appeard and Rev. Eberly called Robert Downs of the Times-Record who also observed the phenomena.

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September 23, 1948 North Carolina

Mr and Mrs A F Kaus, Caroline Beach saw a huge ball of clear white light while traveling from Mountain home to Boise, Idaho. It was between two layers of clouds at approximately 2000 feet elevation, flared twice, held steady for a few sedonds, then went out. The light was round in shape with jagged edges.

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July 27, 1948, Mobile, Alabamà

At 9:16 P.M. at least twelve persons saw an oval ball of fire follwed by about 400 feet of bluish-white flame. Seemed to be about half as big as the moon and some observers saw it as a cigar-shaped object with a red flame flaring into white at the tail. A Brookley Air Force Base pilot estimated its speed as between 800 and 900 mph.

Oct. 3, 1948 Los Angeles Times

FIGHTER PILOT DOGFIGHTS WITH FLUING DISK

In a signed statement for Air Force Intelligence, PilotLt. George Gorman of the 178th Fighter Squadron North Dakota Air National Guard, clained he chased and did ariel maneuvers last night with a lighted disklike object which outran and outmaneuvered him.

Watching him and the object with binoculars were Lloyd J Jenson and H. E. Johnson both of Fargo, control tower operators at Hector Airport here.

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October 9, 1948

Leroy Griffin and Homer Gray, Osage, Wyoming, saw a huge shiny object, lumihous and shaped like a disk. It remained in view for two minutes then divided into two parts and disappeared.

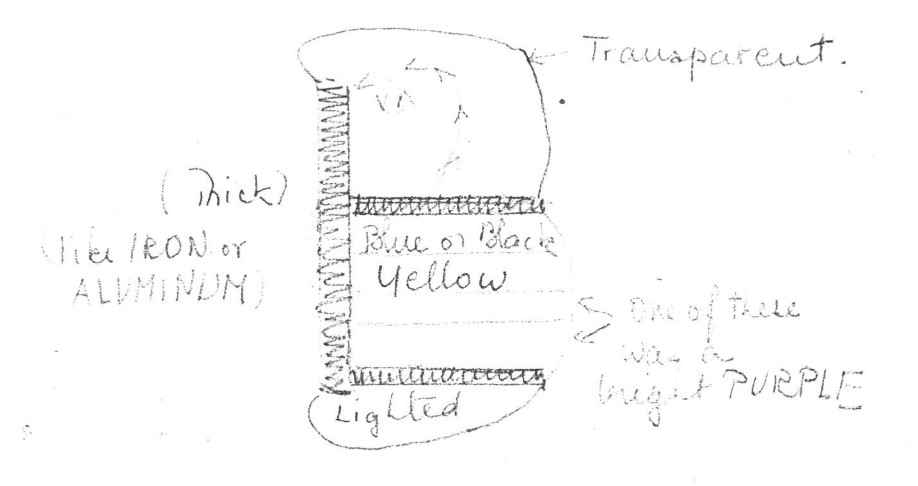
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DESCRIPTION OF A "FIREBALL"

by Dr. William Notdurft.

In the early morning of April 7, 1949, at about 4:15 - 4:30 a.m. there appeared over Des Moines, Iowa, a strange object. This was two days after the various appearances over Salt Lake City and northward.

The object was evidently fifst seen by a Mr. M.L.Ahern, of 2900 Rutland Ave. One of the shades in his room (toward the west) was up about four inches; the light that came through thissmall opening was so bright that it awakened him, and he went to the window, spent several moment examining the object, then lay down on his bed again to determine by its shadow whether it was moving.* The shadow (or, the light on the floor) was moving southward. Then he went to the window again and watched it as it slowly disappeared behind the house next door. The object was thus travelling north and was west of the observer. "It was the most heinous thing I have ever seen in my life" says Mr. Ahern; and he drew a sketch of the way it looked.



Mr. Ahern's diagram. Left vertical line represents a part that looked "thick, like metal. The upper part seemed transparent and full of fire. The lower part was also lighted as if in compartments, and these showed blue (or black), yellow, and purple respectively.

At about the same time, a Mrs. Blanche Bubany, 1230 - 65th St., some 40 blocks west of Mr. Ahern, was startled by a brilliant light high in the sky toward the SSW. Fire "trailed from it like a roman candle"

but the illumination was very brief. Both Mrs. Bubany and Mr. Ahern seemed to me to be perfectly normal people and not unduly excited by their experiences.

From my interviews with people in Waterloo last fall regarding the discs that were seen here in July 1947, and from newspaper clippings, especially from Iowa, I have learned that similar phenomena are usually seen over a certain kind of terrain, either around a hilly section, or river bottoms where great sink holes are, and always with thick vegetation and undergrowth. In Waterloo, this section of Des Moines, and in Exline, Iowa (where a disc was seen May 5th last), there are rivers. In the light of this, I am wondering if this object seen over DesMoines was not going slowly over this hilly section looking for something, and whether the flash noted by Mrs. Bubany might not have been a flare; tho' the Utah stories reported not only explosions that were seen but that were also felt. Always travelling north? Over DesMoines and Exline, Ia over Utah, and over Oakland, Calif. - all were travelling northward.

February 1, 1949 Tucson Daily Citizen

FLYING SAUCER OVER TUCSON?
B29 FAILS TO CATCH OBJECT

Cannonballing through the sky, some 30,000 feet above the earth was a fiery object shooting westward so fast it was impossible to gain any clear impression of its shape of size. It hovered over the city for a few moments and then shot off again with tremendous velocity.

First Lt. Roy L Jones gave chase in a B-29 but was soon left behind as the craft sped toward California. Dr. Edwin F Carpenter head of the U of Arizona department of astronomy said he was certain the object was not a meteor or other natural phenomenum.

December 23, 1950 Armory, Mississippi 10:00 a.m.

James Q. Tate, of 2629 37th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, saw a red ball in the bright clear sky over Amory, Mississippi. He described it has beeing deeper red in the center than at the perimeter. On second look he saw that the red ball had turned over and appeared to be flat. The red color might/be because of the sun's reflection. It was from one to 1 and a half miles above the town, approximately thirty feet in diameter and moving at terrific speed before it disappeared toward the northwest. Tate was about three miles away driving west into town.